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BROYHILL HONORARY DOCTORATE HIGHLIGHTS GWU GRADUATION

Gardner-Webb held Spring 2000 graduation ceremonies on May 13 in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center on the GWU campus. A Gardner-Webb record 575 students received degrees in front of a capacity crowd of over 6,000.

The University awarded an honorary doctorate to former N.C. Baptist Philanthropist of the Year Paul Broyhill, head of the Broyhill Family Foundation of Lenoir, NC. A private luncheon after commencement exercises honored Mr. Broyhill and his family, who have been GWU benefactors for a number of years. Most recently, the Foundation made possible the construction of the Broyhill Adventure Course on the GWU campus. The course features ropes exercises and a climbing wall that teach teamwork and leadership for large and small groups.

On the Gardner-Webb campus, the Broyhill family has also made possible the undergraduate business program (the Broyhill School of Management), and the Broyhill Academy, a program emphasizing the study of economic, social and ethical issues, which offers seminars, workshops and distinguished speakers for students' benefit.

Mr. Broyhill, who was a featured speaker during graduation exercises, told the graduating class, "With so many notable institutions of higher learning in North Carolina, you may be asking why our family chooses to support and appreciate Gardner-Webb University. First, we support higher education in our local area because it directly impacts us. Second, Gardner-Webb is a teaching institution, not a research institution. And it's that level of instruction that is producing graduates who are well-equipped with fundamental values and character. You should always appreciate those aspects of your alma mater."

Dr. Chris White, Gardner-Webb president, added, "Each of you has a story to tell about how you arrived at this point in your life. Take those experiences and take the instruction you've received from a stellar class of faculty and make the world a better place. I say to you that you should reflect on who the faculty members themselves more so than anything they taught you ... the values they live by and the character they have shown are examples you now can follow."

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STRATEGIC PLAN UNDERWAY

The Gardner-Webb Strategic Planning Committee began meeting earlier this semester to discuss long-term growth and campus development possibilities. Items discussed at the first committee meeting included:

• Listing of desired future accomplishments whose attainment would reflect the priorities communicated within GWU's mission and values.

• The process of clarifying GWU's mission and vision surfaces a variety of issues of importance to planning. Each issue was addressed at the Strategic Planning Committee meeting on May 3-4, 2000.

• At the May 3-4 meeting, a list was finalized of desired accomplishments that collectively clarify GWU's desired future.

Next, the planning committee will begin its analysis to clarify the external threats and opportunities as well as internal strengths and weaknesses. In doing so, the committee will review the previous planning committee's environmental scan and identify the gaps that require additional research and discussion. Other issues the Committee has discussed include:

GWU Mission & Vision Development
The key questions include:

1. Who Will We Serve?
2. With What Special Needs?
3. How Will We Serve Them?
4. With What Special Strengths?
5. Providing What Key Outcomes and Benefits?

The process is made possible by a $273,000 grant from The Teagle Foundation of New York, NY.

BUILDING HOUSES, BUILDING CHARACTER – Gardner-Webb recently became a chartered, campus member of Habitat for Humanity. Thanks go to Jake Meyers, student president of the campus chapter, and other students and advisors for making this happen. The chapter worked with Gaston County on two building sites during the Spring semester and it participated in a Collegiate Challenge Spring Break trip to Sea Island, SC.

GALA HONORS DEVOTED DONORS

April 1, 2000, may have meant April Fool's to many people, but to 200 who attended of the University Club Gala held on the Gardner-Webb University campus, it meant much more.

The event recognized those who have supported GWU with gifts of $1,000 or more over the past year, was a formal affair that treated guests to a four-star menu, the antics of comedian Matt Fore and the melodic sounds of the GWU Concert Choir. In between, the evening held many opportunities for fellow donors to share their thoughts, dreams and desires for GWU.

"We who work at Gardner-Webb often talk about the vision we have for the university – a vision of growth, continued excellence and leadership in character development," said Dr. Chris White. "The people gathered here tonight have caught that vision, and they have not only dedicated their prayers and their resources to the institution, they have dedicated themselves as well.

UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZES ADMISSIONS DIRECTOR WITH PROMOTION

Ray Hardee Named Dean Of Undergraduate Admissions

The Gardner-Webb University administration announced in the Spring that Ray Hardee, director of admissions for the University since 1992, had been named dean of undergraduate admissions and enrollment management.

Hardee, a 1984 GWU alumnus, will continue many of the same duties he held as director of admissions, said GWU Vice President for Enrollment Management Ralph "Scoot" Dixon, but the promotion recognizes Hardee's exceptional efforts in recruiting record numbers of students to the GWU undergraduate program, as well as Hardee's role in significantly improving the institution's retention rate. The University over the past decade has also notably improved the quality of incoming students under Hardee's direction. Currently the average first-time freshman enrolling at Gardner-Webb boasts a 3.3 Grade Point Average (GPA) and a score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) exceeding 1000.

Hardee, a ordained Baptist minister, is a cum laude graduate of Gardner-Webb. He also holds a master's degree in counseling from UNC-Charlotte. He and his wife, the former Andrea Michelle Carrigan, have three children.

FIRST-YEAR PROF IS NEW ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Calling it a testament to the outstanding faculty Gardner-Webb University is attracting, Dr. Chris White has announced that a first-year professor, who boasts a notable law background, has been named the institution's new assistant vice president for academic affairs. Dr. Philip Williams, an assistant professor in the GWU School of Business, assumed his new duties in the Spring.

The position Williams assumes will assist Dr. Gil Blackburn, vice president and dean of academic affairs, in faculty recruitment, evaluation and development. Williams replaces Dr. Jeff Tubbs, who was recently named the university's associate vice president for institutional research, a newly created position that will address long-range and strategic planning for Gardner-Webb.

Both White and Dr. Gil Blackburn, vice president for academic affairs, rave about Dr. Williams, a former Morehead Scholar and Phi Beta Kappa at UNC-Chapel Hill and a law school graduate from Columbia University. Williams, prior to arriving at GWU, was successful in handling legal affairs for notable clients such as SeaWorld in California, where he served as vice president and counsel. Williams' credentials also include a master's and doctorate degree in public health administration.

White said, "Soon we are going to be a Division One institution, which has national implications. I'm thrilled that we are bringing in professors that are on that level as well. Dr. Philip Williams is Division One faculty."

BASEBALL TEAM CAPTURES REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, GOES TO DIVISION II WORLD SERIES

(At the time The Web went to press on May 23, the GWU basbeall team was preparing to play in the Division II World Series in Alabama, one of just eight teams nationally to have its season extended this far.)

BASEBALL CITY, FL - Senior Sammy Pruett blasted two home runs and chalked up six RBIs and junior Brook Collins scattered six hits as 29th-ranked Gardner-Webb University thrashed fifth-ranked Florida Southern College 14-1 to capture the NCAA Division II South Regional Tournament.

With the victory, the Bulldogs – who improve to 44-19 – advance to the NCAA Division II National Tournament, which starts May 27 in Montgomery, Alabama.

In Thursday night's 5-1 opening-round victory over Florida Southern, Gardner-Webb rallied from a 1-0 deficit. In Saturday's championship game, the Bulldogs didn't leave room for any doubt as they feasted on Moccasin pitching, scoring runs in the second, fourth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth innings.

After posting two runs in the second, Gardner-Webb exploded for five more with Pruett - who was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player - providing a portion of the offense with a two-run homer. With one out, Chad Benton singled and Brandon Jeffcoat followed with a walk. Ashley Sweat then stroked an RBI double to extend the Bulldogs' margin to 3-0 and Blake Leverett's two-bagger pushed the tally to 5-0. Pruett then capped the inning score-fest with his 15th home run of the season.

While Pruett and the others were hammering the Florida Southern pitching staff, Collins was doing an excellent imitation of freshman teammate Abraham Gonzalez (the previous night's winning pitcher) by shutting down the Moccasins' potent offense. Like Gonzalez, Collins didn't allow an extra base hit and only a two-out RBI single in the ninth kept Florida Southern from being shut out for the first time in three years.

The Bulldogs were well represented on the NCAA Division II South Regional All-Tournament Team with Leverett, Benton, Gonzalez, Collins and Pruett all joining Randy Combs on the squad. Benton finished the game with four hits and two RBIs while Leverett added two hits and knocked in three runs.

DR. PAUL JOLLEY NAMED TO SAC HALL OF FAME

Dr. Paul Jolley, chair of the Selection Committee for the first South Atlantic Conference Commissioner, was recently inducted into the SAC Hall of Fame. He served Gardner-Webb for 33 years, chaired the math department for 17 years. He received his bachelors degree from Appalachian State and his master's from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and later received his doctorate from Florida State University.

Dr. Jolley served as the faculty athletic representative for the Bulldogs for 10 years. While holding this position, Jolley served as the President-elect and President of the South Atlantic Conference FAR Committee. Jolley, a faculty marshall while at Gardner-Webb, retired in 1995.

Upon retirement, Jolley has remained active in his church community and as a member of the Exchange Club of Shelby.

Gardner-Webb announced in the 1999-2000 academic year that it would leave the Division II ranks and be reclassified as a Division I institution. In its final year of SAC competition, GWU won the SAC Athletic Excellence Award, which recognizes the superior athletic program within the conference.

CAMPUS MOURNS LOSS OF DR. J.L. SUTTLE

Gardner-Webb University lost longtime trustee and supporter J.L. Suttle Jr.to leukemia during the Spring semester. He was 89 years old.

Dr. Suttle's love for the university and its mission was evident in his tireless *work for the institution. Most recently, Mr. Suttle made possible the new Suttle Wellness Center to show his appreciation for our students, faculty and* staff. Suttle was presented with the honorary recently by the University in appreciation for his efforts to promote the institution's mission and its programs. In addition to serving with committees and various decision-making groups at the University over the last several decades, Suttle was a trustee who showed a particular devotion to furthering the GWU athletics program.

Suttle and his family made possible tennis facilities on the GWU in the 1980s as well as providing scholarship assistance for countless student-athletes.

WGWG GAINS SUPPORT

Last summer, WGWG, the University's 50,000-watt FM radio station took a leap of faith and completely revamped its operations and format. After nearly a year of gaining listenership and acceptance, the station decided it was time to monitor who was listening and to what extent those listeners appreciated the new changes.

On March 31st the station held its first "Webb-a-thon," a fundraiser and listener appreciation day in the WGWG studios. What resulted was remarkable. According to Jeff Powell, operations manager for the station, "Realistically, we were simply hoping for a few people to stop by the studios or maybe call us with their opinions. However, around 9 a.m. the pledges started rolling in and, before you know it, we had raised over $3,500 to help operate the station."

In-studio guests like local talent Perry Road, The Anti-Bodies, Tater, Mama Said and Marble joined other area station supporters on the air during the fun-filled day. If you would like to enjoy WGWG anywhere around the globe, go to www.gardner-webb.edu on the Internet, click on "Resources," and follow directions to a live broadcast of WGWG.

SCHOOL OF NURSING GOES ON DISPLAY

The Gardner-Webb School of Nursing was on display in May when the Gaston-Lincoln-Cleveland Nurses' Celebration, an annual event, was be held on the GWU campus. The event is conducted during Nurses' Week each year and all nurses in those counties are invited. The gathering attracted more than 150 nurses. Vendors, door prizes, sponsors, a dinner, and a speaker were all featured. The speaker was the Director of the North Carolina Center for Nursing, Dr. Brenda Cleary. The ADN program is located on the main campus in Boiling Springs. The BSN program is offered in Boiling Springs and on a satellite campus in Statesville with additional centers in Charlotte, Concord, and Winston-Salem. The Boiling Springs campus accommodates both residential and commuting students while the other sites accommodate commuting students only. The BSN program builds upon the ADN program, creating a "two-plus-two" arrangement/RN completion program. The program is open to all RNs who have completed an associate degree or hospital diploma nursing program who meet admission criteria.

DAVID CARSCADDON PRESENTED WITH THE FLEMING-WHITE PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

At Gardner-Webb's annual awards luncheon, Apples and Accolades, the University's Fleming-White Excellence in Teaching Award was presented to Dr. David Carscaddon, assistant professor of psychology. The award is voted on by faculty, staff and students and recognizes the outstanding faculty member of the past academic year. The award, which was begun by President Chris White and his wife, Linda, in 1987 is named in honor of their parents. A $1000 cash gift and a plaque accompany the recognition.

In describing Carscaddon, who is chair of the Department of Psychology, GWU President Dr. Chris White said, "The diligent and determined nature of David Carscaddon is worthy enough of an award. Having come to us on a temporary basis for a trial period of time, Dr. Carscaddon has since endeared himself to the student body, obtained his doctorate degree, become chair of his department, and remained an outstanding example of a husband, father and educator."

Ray Hardee, dean of enrollment management and undergraduate admissions, was named Male Staff Member of the Year, and Pam Scruggs, assistant director of athletics, was honored as Female Staff Member of the Year.

Retirees that were recognized include Drs. Bobby Adams and Don Cook, both of the M. Christopher White School of Divinity faculty; Drs. Doris Banner and Steve Dalton, both of the School of Education faculty; Mrs. Kitty Eeds, longtime administrative assistant to the president; and Carolyn Hunt, executive assistant to the library director. These six were presented with engraved Gardner-Webb captain's chairs.

SPECIAL TEACHER EDUCATION REPORT

TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM RANKS WELL IN STATE SURVEY

North Carolina's push for stricter accountability from its public schools has been extended to the colleges and universities that train teachers to work in thousands of the state's classrooms. The State Board of Education has released a new annual report card on the state's 46 teacher education programs, public and private, to begin measuring their performance according to state standards. Gardner-Webb University rated well in the rankings, placing in a tie for 19th with Duke University.

The Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) Performance Report, for the 1998-1999 school year, rated each of the teaching programs on its compliance with state and national accreditation standards, its involvement with and service to the public schools, and the quality of the teachers it produces. The programs' graduates were evaluated in several ways, including surveys of the public schools that employ them. In the ranking process, an program could receive a maximum of 150 points. Gardner-Webb scored 115 points, a total that pleased Dr. Dee Hunt, dean of the GWU School of Education.

"Obviously, we weren't perfect, but no program in the state was perfect. The top score in the state was 130," Hunt said. "There are some minor areas we need to address, some small things we can do better. But we are extremely pleased about where we placed among the other institutions around the state. Without the benefit of state or federal funds for a our program, I feel we offer a strong product for those studying to be teachers."

Dr. Donna Simmons, chair of the Department of Education, is a key leader in GWU's stellar teacher education program.

Beginning next year, colleges and universities whose teaching programs earn marks of 135 or better will be rewarded with scholarship funds. Those scoring 105 or lower will be asked to submit written plans for correcting their deficiencies. The State Board of Education ultimately could revoke the licenses of programs that do not improve. Twenty schools failed to score more than 105 points this year.

North Carolina becomes one of just three states in the nation to use a similar report card. Missouri and Texas already have begun tracking teaching programs. The GWU program is accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), which recognizes only the highest quality programs in the country. In April, GWU was notified that NCATE had given the University high marks during a standard re-accreditation process.

GWU SELECTED TO HELP REMEDY TEACHER SHORTAGE

Gardner-Webb has been selected to collaborate on a new three-year program aimed at addressing the current teaching shortage in middle grades and secondary institutions across North Carolina.

Developed jointly by the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina, NC TEACH (Teachers of Excellence for All Children) is designed to allow mid-career professionals with college degrees to make a lateral entry into the teaching profession. Most notably, this effort will seek to recruit prospective teachers for mathematics, science, foreign language, middle grades, and programs that serve exceptional children. Rather than utilizing the traditional coursework approach for preparing prospective teachers, NC TEACH will use a graduate-level, problems-based approach on what teachers must know when teaching children in real classrooms.

A request for proposals was sent to all North Carolina teacher education programs. Gardner-Webb submitted a proposal detailing why it should be considered as one of six regional sites in North Carolina to host the NC TEACH program. Although it was not selected as a primary site for the program, because of its highly regarded graduate teacher education program, Gardner-Webb was asked to collaborate with UNC-Charlotte to host the Southwest site on the UNCC Campus.

Dr. Dee Hunt, dean of the GWU School of Education, said the collaboration with UNCC will most likely mean that GWU's role will be to have professors travel to Charlotte to help deliver the NC TEACH program through summer teaching experiences, school year seminars, licensure examinations and mentoring. "Being selected for such an important endeavor really validates how our teacher education program is perceived in this state," said Hunt. "It says that we can offer the same expertise and knowledge that the large state-supported universities can. Our involvement in this speaks volumes about GWU's rising status."

Because of the lengthy traditional approach to teacher licensure, North Carolina has seen fewer and fewer college students pursuing education as a career. The result is a critical shortage of middle grades and secondary teachers across the state. NC TEACH's lateral entry approach means established professionals seeking to change careers and become teachers will be allowed to immediately (1) be classified as "initially licensed," (2) gain employment as a teacher, and (3) work toward official licensure under the supervision of mentors and master teachers.

Dr. Hunt said Gardner-Webb expects to begin its role in the NC TEACH program during the 2000 calendar year.

GWU GIVES A PREVIEW OF ITS COMING MBA/M.DIV. DEGREE PROGRAM BY PROVIDING "EFFECTIVE TOOLS"

Conference Combines Business And Religion

Dr. Stacy

Dr. Negbenebor

Entitled "Effective Tools for the New Millennium," a church administration conference was held in March on the Gardner-Webb campus to address business and leadership issues that arise in the church. The conference was a partnership between the Gardner-Webb School of Business and the M. Christopher White School of Divinity.

Luncheon guest speaker was Sean Womack, founding partner and Chief Creative Officer of the Life@Work Company, and Senior Partner with the Cornerstone Group.

Session topics were: "Church Leadership in Biblical Perspective," "Legal Issues in the Church Setting," "Strategic Administration of the Church," and "Financial Stewardship of the Church."

Program faculty included: Dr. Wayne Stacy, dean, M. Christopher White School of Divinity; Dr. Charles Horton, director, GWU Center for Congregational Enrichment; Dr. Arlen Honts, dean, School of Business; Dr. Stephen Perry, assistant professor of strategic management; Van Graham, assistant professor of business law; Dr. Phillip Williams, assistant professor of business law; Dr. Anthony Negbenebor, director of the Gardner-Webb MBA Program; Dr. Philip Swicegood, assistant professor of finance.

The conference was a preview of the type of material that will be featured this fall when Gardner-Webb begins offering the MBA/M.Div. program, one of the few programs of its kind offered in the United States. The program is designed for clergy and laypeople alike who are responsible for the strategic, financial and spiritual management of a church.

GARDNER-WEBB LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN FOR DIVINITY SCHOOL

Gardner-Webb University announced today after its Board of Trustees meeting that it has publicly launched a *five-year, $5 million fundraising campaign for the M. Christopher White* School of Divinity.

The campaign, which has operated in a silent phase since 1999, seeks to fund the recruitment of faculty, scholarship and financial aid for students, and a theological study stipend fund that allows students to travel to the Holy Land and Egypt as part of their educational experience.

Two of the campaign's elements – the faculty endowment and the scholarship assistance effort – are seeking to raise $2 million each. The theological study stipend fund has $1 million as its goal.

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>
> **– DR. WAYNE STACY**

Campaign steering committee officials said that the timing of this announcement coincides with the recent news that the School of Divinity had just received full accreditation status from the Association of Theological Schools (ATS).

Gardner-Webb now has the first divinity school in America affiliated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship that is fully accredited. GWU successfully gained accreditation in the shortest amount of time possible, according to ATS standards.

Dr. R. Wayne Stacy, dean of the M. Christopher White School of Divinity, said, "ATS accreditation provides a heightened credibility within the academic community and creates a 'culture of evaluation' in which the School of Divinity is now much more self-conscious about the way it does things. A standard of quality has been set. This fundraising campaign seeks funds to ensure that the high standard continues to be met."

The M. Christopher White School of Divinity at Gardner-Webb enrolls 150 students majoring in four distinct disciplines within the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree program – pastoral ministry, Christian education, church music, and pastoral care and counseling.

This fall a fifth discipline will be added when the MBA/M.Div. dual-degree program is unveiled. Currently there are 75 alumni of the School of Divinity serving in ministry positions around the world.

FROM OUR WINDOW TO GOD'S WORLD:

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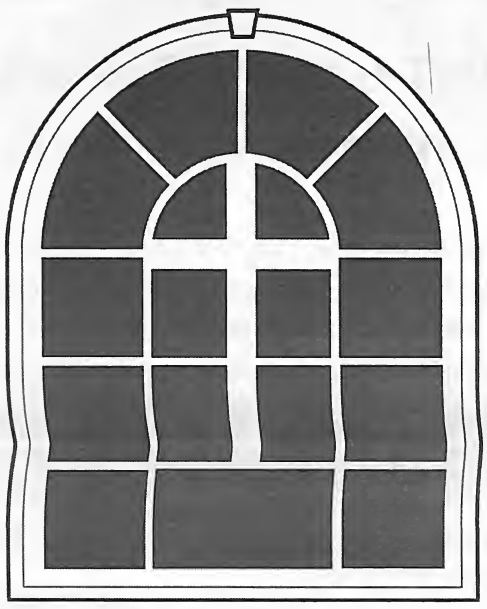
- **$2 million for the recruitment of faculty;**
- **$2 million for scholarship and financial aid for students;**
- **$1 million for a theological study stipend fund that allows students to travel to the Holy Land and Egypt as part of their educational experience.**



M. CHRISTOPHER WHITE
SCHOOL OF DIVINITY
Gardner-Webb University

SCHOOL OF DIVINITY GAIN FULLS ACCREDITATION

The M. Christopher White School of Divinity of Gardner-Webb University was granted full accreditation by the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) in the United States and Canada at its January 2000 meeting.

The granting of full accreditation completes a six-year process in which the School of Divinity successfully moved through the various stages of the ATS accrediting process, including associate membership, candidacy for full accreditation including a two-year self-study, and finally the granting of fully accredited status.

Among other local divinity schools, the M. Christopher White School of Divinity is the first Cooperative Baptist Fellowship-related divinity school to achieve full accreditation with the ATS.

Dr. R. Wayne Stacy, dean of the M. Christopher White School of Divinity, said this distinction holds great significance for the School. "ATS accreditation provides a heightened credibility within the academic community and creates a 'culture of evaluation' in which the School of Divinity is now much more self-conscious about the way it does things," he explained.

"Now it is no longer possible to do 'business as usual' in the School of Divinity; every course, every program, every event in the School of Divinity is evaluated and assessed as to its overall effectiveness and for the degree to which it helps the School to achieve its mission."

Accreditation was granted by the Commission for a period of five years (the longest length of time for which a school may be granted initial accreditation), until fall 2004.

DEAF STUDENT ARRIVES AT GWU WITH NOVEL IDEA

Jennica Humphrey's Website Wins Her A Scholarship

Jennica Humphrey felt isolated at college—a place where people literally used a language she didn't know.

As a freshman at the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, N.Y., she lived in an all-deaf dorm with students unaccustomed and uncomfortable with the hearing world—including verbal communication.

Humphrey was ready to drop out when an e-mail changed her life.

"The ThinkQuest award is really a godsend," the 18-year-old said recently. "I was at the breaking point. I couldn't go on. It changed everything, made everything wonderful."

In late November Humphrey won the 1999 Gem Award and $20,000 from ThinkQuest Internet Challenge for an interactive website she designed while a sophomore at West Henderson High School.

Her winnings, combined with a partial academic scholarship, have allowed Humphrey to transfer to Gardner-Webb to complete a degree in computer science.

Humphrey's website, Signhear, teaches American Sign Language. She created it via the Internet with the help of two teenagers in England whom she met for the first time at the awards ceremony.

Humphrey, who lost all hearing following a bout with spinal meningitis at the age of 2, has since learned a lot of sign language.

Humphrey said she hopes the site will give visitors a better understanding of what the Deaf community is like. Humphrey said she's encountered many misconceptions about what it means to be deaf.

For instance, sign language is not English via hand gestures and not every deaf person signs. Sign language is a separate language with about 10,000 signs and its own idioms, Humphrey said.

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– Jennica Humphrey

She also feels it is important for the deaf to know more than sign language to better interact with hearing people.

"If you only use sign language you will be really cut off from the world. That's not the way I live," said Humphrey, who surprises many people with her ability to speak.

Humphrey traveled to Los Angeles to receive the award. Marlee Maitlin, an Academy Award-winning deaf actress who has starred in films and on television, presented the award.

The Challenge, a philanthropic and educational initiative, invites international teams of students age 12 to 19 to work together to investigate an educational topic and collaborate to create an interactive website. Websites are permanently entered into the ThinkQuest library.

The Gem Award goes to the website that nets the most visitors. Signhear has gathered more than 12 million "hits" since 1997.

The ThinkQuest Library site can be found at www.thinkquest.org .

BB&T GIFT TO TEACH GWU BUSINESS STUDENTS HOW TO INVEST

A $25,000 gift from Branch Banking & Trust (BB&T) to Gardner-Webb will provide the institution's undergraduate and graduate business students the opportunity to learn investing with real currency.

Named the BB&T Student Investment Portfolio Fund, this effort is established to provide funds for investment classes in the GWU School of Business to learn the principles of investing by researching, buying and selling real financial securities.

According to Dr. Philip Swicegood, assistant professor of finance at Gardner-Webb, only a few other institutions in the country give their students the experience of real-world investing.

The opportunity to be associated with a cutting-edge program, and the fact that the GWU School of Business has become a respected and vital entity in educating future business leaders, are the reasons that BB&T is supporting the effort, said Jamey Davis, vice president and city executive for BB&T in nearby Shelby, NC. The proceeds from the fund will be placed in the University's general endowment in order to name a BB&T scholar. The BB&T scholar will be an exceptional student majoring in the business field with special consideration given to finance majors. The first BB&T scholar will be named this fall.

Swicegood, who came up with the idea for the fund, says he is excited to have this kind of partnership in business education develop between BB&T and Gardner-Webb University, "The learning experience for our business students will be enhanced tremendously by having the opportunity to research, execute trades, and monitor progress of the investment portfolio – all with the goal of generating real income for the scholarship fund. In the past we've done classroom simulation of investing, but there is no substitute for the real thing."

Dr. Phillip Swicegood says a recent BB&T grant will give business students real-world investing experience while still in school.

GARDNER-WEBB STUDENT GROUP SHINES IN REGIONAL COMPETITION

Assistant MBA Director Also Recognized As Sam Walton Fellow

In its first year of competition, the Gardner-Webb chapter of Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) was named Rookie of the Year among 25 colleges that participated in a regional exposition in Charlotte on April 4. Eight students comprising the Gardner-Webb SIFE team were judged by Charlotte-area business leaders based on a 25-minute multimedia presentation.

Students from each of the institutions represented at the exposition were asked to demonstrate their classroom knowledge by applying it to real-life situations, focusing on how the enrich their respective communities through free enterprise educational outreach projects. Evaluations were based on creativity and innovation, results of education programs, success in utilizing resources and documentation of activities.

Students participating in SIFE represent a variety of disciplines, including business. Those students competing for Gardner-Webb include Shirley Andorful, Natilee Dawkins, Theresa Harrison, Amy Hodges, Kellie Johns, Deborah Knupp, Alina Meyer, and Ashley Porterfield.

Kristen Setzer, GWU assistant MBA director who also serves as adviser for the SIFE team, was recognized for her leadership and support of SIFE by being named a Sam M. Walton Free Enterprise Fellow. According to Mike Merriman, chairman of the SIFE board of directors and CEO of Royal Appliance/Dirt Devil Inc., more than 300 Sam Walton Fellows nationwide train and motivate approximately 30,000 SIFE team members annually. The Fellowship was created in 1990 and is named for the founder and chairman of Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

Kristen Setzer, of the GWU MBA Program, was named a Sam Walton Fellow

Entering its 25th year and active on more than 700 college campuses internationally, SIFE is a non-profit organization that works in partnership with business and higher education to provide college students valuable experience through practicing the principles of the free enterprise system.

PORTRAIT OF A RISING STAR

by Courtnie Walton

She even looks like a writer. Mysterious, Confident. Like she has a secret she cannot wait to share with the rest of the world. Although senior Starr Gist Wright may appear quiet on the outside, her mind is always reeling with stories. "I'm a writer first. Before anything else, I'm a writer," Wright said as she sat in the midst of colorful puppets in the children's section of Gardner-Webb's library. In her firm, yet calming voice, she explained that she owes her fondness of children's books to her grandmother. "My first memory of reading is when Grandma bought bags of books from yard sales for me to read. It must have been expensive keeping up with my habits," Wright recalled.

My teachers are Ms. Potter and Ms. Daniels.

Ms. Potter wears funny, little red shoes,
with polka dots.
Ms. Daniels is always serious,
she calls my daddy when I
am too loud and t-a-l-k-a-t-i-v-e.

Wright grew up in Shelby, NC, and graduated from Shelby High School. Her father was an engineer and her mother was a homemaker. When she was young, her parents separated, and her mom, sister, and she moved in with her grandmother. "There were always lots of cousins running around," Wright said. "We were really close."

My classroom is like the big tent at the circus.

Everything is everywhere.
My favorite place is the
block
station.

When she was eight years old, she began writing. She entered a contest in third grade and wrote an essay about blackberry pie. "I did not think that I would win because there were all these other kids, so when Miss Roberts called my name, I was shocked," Wright said. She said her favorite part of the essay was being able to use creative details, and her favorite genres are still Creative Writing and Creative Nonfiction. However, she is gaining respect for other genres of writing, such as Newswriting.

There are colors for everything in the world.

Daddy sometimes calls mommy blue black
I am pecan brown.
My blocks are purple, yellow, red
green, and
black.

On July 21, 1991, the summer before Wright's eighth grade year, her mother died of cancer. "She went in [to the doctor] to get some tests done and then died suddenly," Wright said. "The first time I could write about it was in Advanced Composition last year. Without realizing it, I think I began my healing process earlier by recording thoughts in my journal."

Jonathan Martin was in Wright's Advanced Composition class, and he remembers her essays. "Starr is truly a prolific writer. She has a gift for smooth, rhythmic prose that comes through no matter what she is writing, combining the detail of a journalist with the cadence of a poet," Martin said.

Although her mother's death did not give her more responsibility, as she is the youngest child, her grandmother assigned tasks to keep her busy. "She was really smart to keep me occupied," Wright said.

There is a train on the
wall, my letter is the s,
soup
slurrpy
sweet
and snow.

One pivotal event in Wright's writing career was when her eighth grade teacher gave her class an assignment that included writing from the perspective of historical figures. "The rest of the class hated it, but I started writing a lot after that," Wright said. "I remember my favorite character to write about was Susan. Susan did a lot of crazy stuff."

Wright is double majoring in English and history. "I can't help myself. I just love English and history," she said. She plans to attend law school at North Carolina Central University after she graduates on May 13, 2000.

Wright was able to attend Gardner-Webb because she received a scholarship. "I wasn't thinking about going anywhere until I got a scholarship," she said. "My sophomore year is when I really fell in love with Gardner-Webb. That's when I got involved in the Gospel Choir, which made me appreciate me. I became more active in my Christianity and the professors encouraged me to write." What further captivated Wright was Ms. Jennifer Carlile's Creative Writing class. "I couldn't leave Gardner-Webb after Creative Writing. I had to make English my main major," Wright admitted.

Carlile remembers that Wright was a quiet student. "When I got to see her work, I remember thinking, wow, she really gets this stuff. She really blew me away when I actually saw her writing," Carlile said.

I
Smell like crayons and play dough,
Ms. Daniels say.
Tim
smell like dirt.

Wright's most unforgettable memory is her wedding day. She married Eric Wright on September 4, 1998. She admitted that it is a challenge to "learn to deal with a separate person and become one." She also confessed, "It is hard to stay focused on writing because I just want to sit and write love poems all day. . . . I used to get so angry when my sister would write love poems because I thought they were stupid." Eric Wright attends North Carolina Central University and is majoring in computer engineering/computer science.

Starr Gist Wright graduated in May and has aspirations of pursuing a graduate degree, perhaps in law at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Wright said that Jesus is her role model. "If I didn't have God, I would have quit a long time ago. I've seen so many times the face of God. . . . He let me see that He was going to get me through all my experiences. God is everything," Wright said. She also looks up to Dr. June Hobbs, an English professor at Gardner-Webb, because "she really enjoys what she does."

Hobbs said if she had to describe Wright in one word, it would be creative. "She always brought a new insight to class every day. I'm sure I learned as much from her as she did from me,"Hobbs said.

My mommy say kids don't supposed to smell like nothing
but baby fresh. I sometimes
smell like mama's strawberry lip gloss!

When asked what her family thought about her writing, Wright replied, "They aren't surprised by my writing. I think they would be more surprised if I didn't write." Wright's favorite author is Zora Neale Hurston. She also enjoys Toni Morrison, Nikki Giovanni and Henry James.

If Wright could do anything with her life, she would live in New Zealand. "I fell in love with pictures of it when I was in fifth grade," she explained. In ten years, she sees herself "with at least four kids and established in a law firm. I would like to have at least completed my first novel."

I'm giggling,
Ann is trying to color her Barbie brown
Barbies ain't brown.

Although she is part of a minority on campus, Wright does not believe that she has been discriminated against because she is an African-American. "The difficulties I've experienced on campus don't really have to do with my color. They deal with just learning how to relate to people in general," she said.

Wright is happiest when she is "praying or reading the Bible—doing something involving God and church." One of her hobbies is reading thrillers written by John Grisham, Dean Koontz, Tami Hoag and Iris Johansen.

Wright has had several of her poems, including the one used here called "Memories," published in Gardner-Webb's literary journal, Reflections. "If I don't write, I'll go crazy," she said.

Wright's faith in God and her love of writing have developed an inner strength that is evident in her life story, as well as in her writing. Whether her name will find its way onto the cover of a best-selling novel or into the papers as an up-and-coming lawyer, Starr Gist Wright is on the rise.

(Courtnie Walton, GWU public relations intern for 1999-2000, contributed this article.)

CALL FOR BULLDOG CLUB MEMBERS

Would you like to become a member of Gardner-Webb University's Bulldog Club? The Bulldog Club serves as the fundraising arm for the Department of Athletics and plays an important role in the funding of scholarships for each of the University's 20 intercollegiate sports. As a member of the Bulldog Club, you are not only making a monetary gift to the University, but you are giving Gardner-Webb student-athletes the opportunity to achieve their academic and athletic goals.

If you would like more information about becoming a member of the Bulldog Club, please contact Darlene Broadhurst in the Office of Annual Giving at (704) 406-4654 or send an e-mail to dbroadhurst@gardner-webb.edu.

To make a gift to the Bulldog Club, please mail it to Gardner-Webb University, Bulldog Club, Attn: Office of Annual Giving, Boiling Springs, NC 28017.

You can also check out the Bulldog Club webpage on the GWU website, www.gardner-webb.edu. Bulldog Club address: http://www.gardner-webb.edu/giving/bulldog1.shtml

Thank you for supporting Gardner-Webb University athletics!

GARDNER-WEBB CLAIMS 1999-2000 SAC ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

Gardner-Webb University claimed the 1999-2000 South Atlantic Conference Athletic Excellence Award following the completion of the 1999-2000 SAC sports year, it was announced from the conference office.

The SAC Athletic Excellence Award is presented annually to the member athletic department that earns the highest overall finish based on final regular season standings. Points are based on final tournament standings in the sports of men's cross country, women's cross country, men's golf and women's golf. The trophy is presented at the SAC Annual Business Meeting at the conclusion of each year.

Gardner-Webb earned the award for the first time, becoming only the third school in SAC history to earn the distinguished award.

Gardner-Webb earned 89.5 points. The Bulldogs claimed the title in volleyball, while sharing the championship in men's basketball. Gardner-Webb finished second in women's cross country and men's soccer (tie), and third in men's cross country and women's basketball (tie).

Presbyterian College finished second with 85 points. The Blue Hose claimed titles in women's soccer, women's basketball and women's tennis while finishing second in volleyball, men's soccer (tie) and men's golf.

Carson-Newman College finished third with 80 points. The Eagles captured the football title and shared the softball and men's tennis titles. Carson-Newman finished second in men's cross country and baseball, while placing third in women's cross country and women's tennis.

Catawba College earned 75 points for fourth place. The Indians finished second in football, women's soccer and women's basketball while placing third in volleyball and baseball (tie).

Wingate University placed fifth with 73.5 points. The Bulldogs claimed championships in men's soccer and baseball, while sharing the title in men's basketball. Wingate finished third in softball and men's tennis (tie). Mars Hill College (64.5), Lenoir-Rhyne (62.5), Newberry (45.5) and Tusculum (45.5) rounded out the standings.

DIVISION I FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Recently, GWU Vice President for Athletics Chuck Burch (GWU '80) took time to answer the most frequently asked questions about Gardner-Webb's move to Division One athletics.

The following are excerpts from Burch's comments:

1. How long does the process take to become NCAA Division I program?

Answer: It is a two-year process. After declaring your intention to reclassify, an institution must begin following all NCAA Division I rules and regulations. Obviously this cannot happen immediately so the institution making the move is given two years to become "in compliance" with the rules and regulations that NCAA Division I institutions must follow.

2. Will Gardner-Webb be required to upgrade its facilities in order to be reclassified to NCAA Division I?

Answer: No. There are no mandatory requirements placed upon an institution in order to compete as a member of NCAA Division I, and I-AA in football (the level at which GWU football will compete). Obviously, in order to be successful in recruiting the caliber of student-athlete needed to be competitive, facility upgrades and improvements will have to be made. Fortunately, we have already begun this process and will continue to make renovations to existing playing facilities.

3. What financial impact will the move to NCAA Division I have on the Gardner-Webb community?

Answer: When the decision to reclassify to NCAA Division I was examined, it was understood that a certain amount of increase in budgeting would be necessary. However, the intention of the University is to gradually increase expenditures where necessary and when appropriate. Contrary to the opinion being expressed by some, tuition increases and other student-related expenses will not be the primary source of funding for the move to NCAA Division I.

4. Will Gardner-Webb join a new conference since its affiliation with the South Atlantic Conference (SAC) ended this spring?

Answer: It is the administration's goal to secure some form of conference affiliation in the very near future. In fact, Gardner-Webb is one of seven institutions that has submitted an application to the NCAA for the formation of a new conference, effective July 2000. This conference is still in the infancy stages. The initial idea is to play a round-robin schedule in men's and women's basketball, beginning in September 2000. All other sports will play a season-ending tournament in their respective sports.

The majority of the conference members are in a position similar to Gardner-Webb's – they are in the process of reclassifying to NCAA Division I. The other institutions involved in these discussions are: Birmingham Southern, University of Texas-Pan American, Centenary College, Lipscomb University, Belmont University, and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

Chuck Burch, vice president for athletics, has helped lead an intensive approach to providing GWU with updated facilities for Division I competition.

GWU ATHLETES CLAIM NATIONAL TITLES IN TRACK AND SWIMMING

In two different settings, the results were the same.

In Boston, Mass., and Buffalo, N.Y., on Saturday, Gardner-Webb University women's athletics achieved some noteworthy goals.

The Lady Bulldogs can now boast of a swimmer and two track and field athletes in the ranks of national champions on the NCAA Division II level.

Freshman Michelle Smith from Clearwater, Fla., did the honors in swimming. Juniors Julia O'Neal and Nicole McLain accomplished it on the track.

In the pool at Erie Community College in Buffalo, Smith became GWU's first national swimming champion. She captured first place in the mile swim with a time of 17:05.05.

Two days before the Lady Bulldog freshman had finished third in the 500-meter freestyle with a time of 5:01.92.

Scoring all 36 GWU's points at the meet, Smith propelled the Lady Bulldogs to an overall 14th place finish in the swimming team competition for coach Mike Simpson.

Meanwhile, Gardner-Webb University's first and only trip to the Women's NCAA Division II Track and Field Indoor Championships turned out to be worth all the sweat and tears as well.

Not only did the GWU women's team place fourth overall in the national meet, junior Julia O'Neal followed in the footsteps of teammate Nicole McLain the previous day.

O'Neal, from Bradenton, Fla., won the Division II 55-meter dash Saturday at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center on the campus of Roxbury Community College. O'Neal, who also had the fastest time in the preliminary event, won the top spot with a time of 6.86 seconds. She already owned the fastest time in the world in the 55-meter event according to the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

McLain, from Houston, Texas, won the high jump event on Friday to become the first-ever Lady Bulldog athlete to win a track national championship.

GWU sophomore Natilee Dawkins from Jamaica nearly came away with the prize in two separate events. Dawkins placed second in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 7.94. She also finished in third place in the triple jump with a leap of 39-1.25.

In the one-mile run, Lady Bulldog sophomore Sylivia Chelimo, from Uganda, finished fourth. Her time was 4:54.37. She also entered the 5,000-meter finals but suffered an injury and did not finish.

GWU freshman Soyini Thompson from Jamaica placed ninth in the 400 meters with a time of 57.29.

Abilene Christian won the women's Division II team title with 48 points in the meet. North Dakota State was second with 47 points, Saint Augustine's took third

Michelle Smith leads GWU swimmers into competition.

with 44 points and GWU was fourth among the 30 teams that scored in the meet with a total of 38.

Bryan Fetzer is the head coach of the GWU women's squad.

FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE - *These dates are tentative. Please refer to **www.gardner-webb.edu** for the latest information.*

FOOTBALL

September

2	Morris Brown College, Atlanta, GA, 7 p.m.
9	Concord College, Boiling Springs, NC, 7 p.m.
16	Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA, 7 p.m.
23	Mars Hill College Boiling Springs, NC 7:00 p.m.
30	*Northwestern State Univ., Natchitoches, LA, 2 p.m. (CST)*

October

7	Elon College, Elon College, NC, 2 p.m.
14	Virginia Union University (Homecoming), Boiling Springs, NC, 1:30p.m.
21	Samford University, Birmingham, AL, 1 p.m. (CST)
28	Open

November

4	Miles College, Boiling Springs, NC, 1:30 p.m.
11	University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, 12:05 p.m.
18	Savannah State University, Boiling Springs, NC, 1:30p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

August

25-26	Augusta State Tournament, Augusta, GA
29	Catawba College, Salisbury, NC

September

1-2	Morehead State Tournament or Tusculum Tournament
12	Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, TN
15-16	University of Charleston, WV, Tournament

October

5	Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, NC
6-7	Lees-McRae Tournament, Banner Elk, NC
10	Lenoir-Rhyne College, Boiling Springs, NC
13-14	Fayetteville State Tournament, Fayetteville, NC
31	Catawba College, Boiling Springs, NC

November

1	Carson-Newman College, Boiling Springs, NC
2	Mars Hill College, Boiling Springs, NC
9	Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, NC
10-11	Tennessee Tech Tournament, Cookeville, TN
14	UNC-Asheville, Asheville, NC

CROSS COUNTRY

September

1	Bulldog XC Relay (High School/College/Open Division), Home
15	Gardner-Webb Classic (High School/College/Open Division), Home
30	Nike USC-Spartanburg Invitational, Spartanburg, SC

October

6	Gardner-Webb Invitational, Home
14	Belmont Abbey Invitational, Belmont, NC
28	Southern Independent Cross Country Championship, Nashville, TN Hosted by Belmont University

MEN'S SOCCER

August

23	at Wingate University (exhibition), Monroe, NC, 4:00 p.m.
26	Elon College (exhibition), 3:00 p.m.

September

	Day's Inn Classic at USC-Spartanburg
1	*USC-Spartanburg, 7:30 p.m.*
2	Francis Marion University, 5:00 p.m.
5	at The Citadel, 7:00 p.m.
	Georgia State Tournament (in Atlanta, GA)
15	Georgia State, TBA
17	Birmingham Southern, TBA
	Mercer Macon Tournament (in Macon, GA)
22	Florida Atlantic University, TBA
23	Mercer-Macon University, TBA
26	Carson-Newman College, Home, 4:00 p.m.
	Rollins Soccer Festival
29	Rollins College, 7:00 p.m.
30	Florida Southern, 5:00 p.m.

October

4	Lenoir-Rhyne College, Home, 4:00 p.m.
11	Mars Hill College, Home, 4:00 p.m.
14	at UNC-Asheville, 4:00 p.m.
21	at Liberty University, 7:00 p.m.
28	at Winthrop University, 7:00 p.m.

November

2	at North Carolina State University, 2:30 p.m.
4	Virginia Tech, Home, 7:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

August

18	Exhibition - Western Carolina, Home, TBA
26	at Morehead State University, 3:00 p.m.
27	at Marshall University, 1:00 p.m.
30	USC Spartanburg, Home, 4:00 p.m.

September

2	Converse College, Home, 1:00 p.m.
9	at Coastal Carolina, 5:00 PM
12	Belmont-Abbey College, Home, 4:00 p.m.
20	Lander University, Home, 7:00 p.m.
23	at Tennessee Tech. University, 1:00 p.m.(CST)
27	Carson-Newman College, Home, 4:00 p.m.
30	at Eckerd, TBA (Orlando, FL)

October

1	at Rollins College Tournament (Orlando, FL), 1:00 PM
4	at Tusculum College, 5:00 p.m.
10	at Mt. Olive College, 4:00 p.m.
14	South Carolina State University, Home, 3:00 p.m.
16	Francis Marion University, Home, 4:00 p.m.
28	William Carey College, Home, 2:00 p.m.
29	at Brevard College, (Brevard, NC) 2:00 p.m.

November

4	Presbyterian College, Home, 2:00 p.m.

GALLERY OF DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES

The Gallery of Distinguished Graduates seeks to recognize Gardner-Webb alumni who represent the University in such a way that they have brought honor and postive attention to their alma mater. Those who are recognized have their photos and career descriptions displayed prominently in the Dover Campus Center on the Boiling Springs campus. The University extends its deepest appreciation to all alumni who have helped GWU gain the reputation of being a character-building institution.

Richard B. Ambrose B.A., 1995 is currently the Co-Owner of Wahoo Drilling Corporation. Mr. Ambrose lives in Columbia, South Carolina.

Maynard Lancaster "Gabe" Austell A.A., 1948 retired as Assistant General Sales Manager of Pilot Freight Carriers in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Crystal D. Carson B.A., 1998 recently completed her M.A. at UNC-Chapel Hill. She was formerly VP of Communications for the Cleveland County Chamber.

Sandra Keeter B.A., 1992, is presently the Vice President of Keeter Ford in Cherryville, North Carolina. Mrs. Keeter and her husband, H.S., live in Shelby, North Carolina.

Helyn Goode Lowery 1946 recently retired as Dean of the Business Sciences Department at Isothermal Community College in Spindale, NC. She and her husband, Zeb, live in Forest City, NC.

Zeb Ashley Lowery A.A., 1948 is currently retired, having served more than 30 years in public education, including the Rutherford Co. Schools. He and wife, Helyn, live in Forest City.

Max Padgett A.A., 1950 is retired from working as Director of Endowment Development at Gardner-Webb and from serving the public school system for more than 25 years.

Kimberly Austin Sanders B.S., 1986 is an Investment Counselor and Assistant Vice President of Wachovia Investments in Atlanta, Georgia. She and her husband, Mark, live in Smyrna.

Mark C. Sanders B.S., 1986 is Director of Sales with Bell Transportation Systems in Atlanta, Georgia. He and his wife, Kim, live in Smyrna, Georgia.

Charles Jerome Spivey, A.A., 1949 is President of C. J. Spivey Associates, Inc., in Charlotte, North Carolina. He and his wife, Beulah, live in Charlotte.

Anthony N. Strange B.S., 1983 is President and C.E.O. of Integrated Business Systems, Inc., in Richmond, Virginia. He and his wife, Julie, also a GWU graduate, live in Richmond.

Rachel McKee Whitaker B.S., 1987 is Human Resources Manager for Harris Welco in Kings Mountain, NC, and is a member of the National Association of Female executives.

CLASS NOTES

The 50s

Alex Bromir '52 is serving on a national committee with Tipper Gore and Dick Riley. The committee, called "America Goes Back to School," encourages parents and communities to become involved with their local schools.

The 60s

Wilson A. "Bill" Forbes Jr. '60 A.A. is retired from a 31-year career at BASF Corporation. His wife, **Loretta Spirlin Forbes '61 A.A.**, is currently on disability. They have three married daughters and four grandchildren. Their e-mail address is waf518205@aol.com.

Gary R. Lowe '63 A.A. is the co-editor of a new book, *The Professionalization of Poverty: Social Work and the Poor in the Twentieth Century*. In addition, he contributed to the fifth edition of Human Behavior in the Social Environment: A Social Systems Approach. His work e-mail address is loweg@mail.ecu.edu and his home e-mail address is spitfire@skantech.net.

Dr. Charles Ray Yarborough, Jr. '65 A.A. is serving as interim pastor at Heidelberg United Church of Christ in Thomasville, NC, and his wife, **Sandra Humphrey Yarborough '69 A.A.**, is the music director at First United Church of Christ in Salisbury, NC. They now live in Lexington, NC.

Robert Bruce Bowers '68 has been named one of the Top 100 Producers in the U.S. by AV Video Multimedia Magazine. Bowers, who launched Bowers Media Group Inc. in 1989, is the only producer from the Charlotte, NC region to be recognized by the magazine.

The 70s

Brenda Crosby Bouser '71 B.A. recently joined FirstHealth of the Carolinas in Pinehurst, as marketing coordinator in the publications and events division. Currently serving as acting editor of FirstHealth Magazine, she makes her home in Southern Pines, NC, with her husband, Steve, and their 11-year-old daughter, Katharine.

Tom Hatfield '72 B.A. is now co-owner and president of the Frank Conner Company, a general contracting firm in Charlotte.

Jody Anthony '73 B.S. GOAL is a Microsoft applications trainer at New Horizons Computer Training Center. His e-mail address is jody_anthony22@yahoo.com.

Sherry Bell Arledge '73 B.S. is the Teacher of the Year for Jane Macon Middle School in Glynn County, Georgia. She and her husband, **Harold Arledge Jr. '71 B.A.**, have been married 26 years and have twin sons, Eric and Aaron. Eric recently graduated from Valdosta State University and is a sales representative for Eastcoast Millworks in Orlando, FL, and Aaron is a student missionary in Senegal, West Africa. Sherry's e-mail address is sarledge@gate.net.

Patti Lynn Jones Owen '73 was married to Lowell Craig Varner on February 12, 2000. She is employed with the Davidson County Health Department and the groom is employed with Lexington Furniture Industries. They live in Lexington, NC.

Peggy Jones Hurt '74 B.S. GOAL is the 1999-2000 president of the North Carolina Medical Society Alliance. As president, she will represent North Carolina physicians' spouses at the AMA Alliance meeting in June.

Jeffrey P. McNeill '74 B.A. has been named vice chancellor at The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. At his new post, McNeill, who had served as vice chancellor for university advancement at N.C. State University since 1992, will oversee fundraising programs, alumni affairs, governmental affairs and university relations.

Vickie Marlowe '75 A.D.N. has been inducted into the Mu Alpha Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society of Nursing. An employee of Catawba Memorial Hospital since 1975, Vickie currently practices in the Post-Anesthesia Care Unit and has a National Certification in PeriAnesthesia Nursing. She lives in Claremont, NC and has two sons, Bradley and Ryan.

Katherine Dobbins Pemble '75 B.S. recently joined the faculty of Milton High School in Alpharetta, GA. Her e-mail address is kpemble@hotmail.com.

Rev. Douglas A. Puckett '75 B.A., pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Graniteville, SC, was recently invited to attend Amsterdam 2000, a conference of preaching evangelists sponsored by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Puckett has preached the Gospel in nine countries (in Latin America and Europe), speaking in five languages (Spanish, French, Portuguese, Dutch and English). Prior to attending the conference, he will be conducting a preaching mission in Anglican/Episcopal churches in Belgium.

Dennis J. Hester '76 B.A. is working on a book, "Pastor, we need to talk (How to talk with your pastor about problems before it's too late)," and he will be teaching a continuing education class at Cleveland Community College called "Communication in the Workplace." Dennis also conducts workshops dealing with conflict management and listening skills. His e-mail address is dhester@shelby.net.

HALF-CENTURY CLUB MEMBERS GIVE OF DEDICATION, RESOURCES TO GWU

"... we realize there are still needy students. The need and what can eventually be done with the funds after our deaths to benefit our alma mater is very important to us."

"The two years I spent at Gardner-Webb were the happiest years of my life." That's the way Jenois "Jan" Proctor Bridges describes her years at Gardner-Webb that began in 1938. In addition to her educational and social experiences she met the love of her life and future husband, Glenn R. Bridges. Mrs. Bridges followed in the footsteps of her mother by attending Gardner-Webb. Her mother Pearl Padgett attended Boiling Springs High School from 1910-13.

Mrs. Bridges received numerous honors and recognitions during her Gardner-Webb years. She was the chief marshal, ping pong champion, and was selected as Most Apt to Succeed, Most Efficient and Best All Around. Glenn in addition to his good classroom skills lettered in baseball and basketball. He also served as class president during both his freshman and sophomore years. Because of Glenn's athletic scholarship and his heavy work schedule on campus which included working as an assistant chemistry lab professor Glenn states he only gave $5.00 in cash to attend Gardner-Webb.

The Bridges' may be the only married couple that both received most outstanding citizenship awards. Though not married at the time Mr. Bridges was awarded the J.D. Huggins Citizenship Medal in 1939 and Mrs. Bridges received the Etta L .Curtis Citizenship medal in 1940. The Bridges' were married in 1943. Mrs. Bridges obtained her degree from Meredith College in 1942. After attending N.C. State for one year Mr. Bridges joined the Navy in 1941 where he served as a Naval aviator in the Pacific until 1945. He later graduated from Appalachian State University in 1947. A few years later he earned a master's degree from the University of North Carolina.

The Bridges both retired from successful teaching careers. They are very active members of the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church in Charlotte.

After reading articles on charitable giving in "The Talents", Mrs. Bridges related, "they thought about it, prayed about it and discussed with their three children what they should do with property they had in Rutherford County." The farm which was Mrs. Bridges home place had two rental houses that had become a burden to take care of from sixty miles away.

The Bridges met with David Webb, director of major gifts and gift planning, when they were on campus before the "Half Century Club" luncheon. Mrs. Bridges remarked, "we both enjoyed our time at Gardner-Webb so we decided to do something for the school and at the same time set up a trust that would benefit us during our lives. The Bridges donated the property to a charitable remainder trust that enables them to increase their income, receive a significant tax deduction, by pass capital gains and receive yearly income for the rest of their lives. With the hassle free extra income the Bridges plan to "help their children and grandchildren out in the present while they can see them enjoy it."

Mr. Bridges shared, "While the trust provides benefits for us the main thing is that we realize there are still needy students. The need and what can eventually be done with the funds after our deaths to benefit our alma mater is very important to us."

The funds that the university will eventually receive will be used to add to the Glenn R. and Jenois Proctor Bridges Endowed Scholarship Fund for students who have demonstrated a real financial need. The fund was established in honor and memory of former faculty members who taught at Gardner-Webb while they were students. The faculty members who had the greatest impact on their lives were: Adelaide P. Bostick, Marjorie Crisp, Hubert Dixon, Elma Harper Pollock, Abbie Miller Mitchell, Richard M. Rice and Jennie Smith. The remainder of the trust funds received are to be used for capital unrestricted needs with preference given to the Williams Observatory and the baseball program.

Mr. Bridges advises anyone who has appreciated property to look at this option His advice is simple, " learn the facts, don't make hasty judgments, and compare the options. This approach best helped us to meet our goals. It is also a good way to benefit the university. We were provided with the facts without any pressure. Maybe our positive experience will encourage others who have financial and estate issues to contact Gardner-Webb for facts that relate to their situation."

Bruce Scott '76 B.A. was recently named general manager of Keystone Partnership and is pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church. He, his wife, Angela, and their ten-year-old daughter, Emiley, live in Gray Summit, MO. Bruce's e-mail address is brscott@keystonestaffing.com.

Kathleen M. Southern '76 B.S. recently was presented the 1999 Laboratory Analyst Award from the North Carolina Section American Water Works Association/Water Environment Association. She is a lab supervisor for the City of Winston-Salem Public Works Department.

Dan Cook '77 B.S. recently received a 4-H Alumni Award in honor of his service to North Carolina's 4-H program. He is the director of associations for the N.C. Electric Membership Corp. and resides in Raleigh.

June Carroll Lail '77 B.A., '85 M.A. has been named as the new principal of Boiling Springs Elementary School. She previously served as assistant principal of Crest High School.

Christian Jay Ammons '78 B.A. and **Pamela Martin Ammons '94 B.A.** have served as foreign missionaries since 1985, with the International Mission Board. They are presently working with the Asheninka people group in the jungle of Peru and Brazil. Also, Chris recently graduated from The Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary with a D.Min. in missiology.

Dr. Neils W. Brooks, Sr. '78 B.S. has just been named for inclusion in the Millennium Edition of the International WHO's WHO of Professional Educators. He is employed by the Virginia Department of Education, as the state director of vocational and adult education services. His e- mail address is nbrooks@pen.k12.va.us.

Cynthia Rimmer Curry '78 B.S. and her husband, Jeffrey, announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Diane, born July 28, 1999. This is the couple's first child.

Cheryl Berry Wells '78 B.S. is in the process of relocating her private practice to Greenville, SC. A psychologist, Cheryl specializes in martial and relationship therapy as well as the treatment of eating disorders. Her e-mail address is cberry16@aol.com.

The 80s

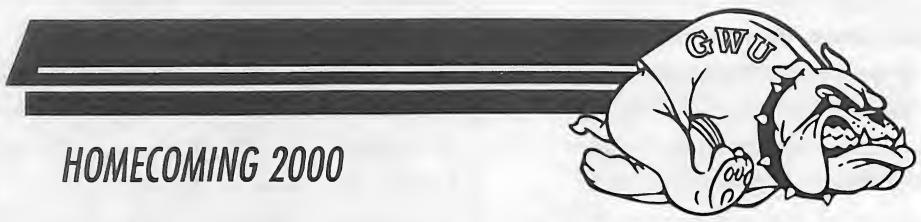
Major Jerry Edward McCall '80 B.S. GOAL has retired from a 30-year career with the Morganton Department of Public Safety. His e-mail address is mccallje@vistatech.net.

Philip R. Sheppard '80 B.A. has been teaching in the Beaufort County (SC) school system for 15 years and is presently pursuing an M.Div. degree at Erskine Theological Seminary. His e-mail address is sheppard@hargray.com.

Samuel Jesse Smith '81 B.S. is a sales representative for Converse. His e-mail address is sjsmith@converse.com.

Bill Anderson '82 recently completed his music therapy certification at the University of Alabama, and he will begin the Ph.D. program in the fall.

Carla Detter '82 B.S. GOAL received a master's degree in library science from Appalachian State University on December 18, 1999. She is the new media specialist at Catawba Springs Elementary School in Lincoln County, and her e-mail address is cdetter@lincoln.k12.nc.us.



HOMECOMING 2000

Attention GWU Football and Basketball Alumni:

We are planning a reunion for football and basketball players October 14, 2000, during our Homecoming festivities. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. If you are willing to serve on a planning committee, please e-mail Laurie Varley, director alumni and parent relations, at lvarley@gardner-webb.edu or call her office at (704) 406- 4255.

Ernest "Ed" L. Johnson III '83 B.S. and his wife, Rhonda, announce the birth of their son, Jack Lawrence, born January 12, 2000. Ed, Rhonda, Ed's ten-year-old daughter Holli, and Jack reside in Durham, NC. Ed is a senior consultant for iWork Software, LLC and his e-mail address is ejohnson@iworksoftware.com.

Evans P. Whitaker '83 B.S. received a Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University in December 1999. In addition to his work as vice president of Belmont University, he remains engaged in research activities and is a member of the American Educational Research Association. He and his wife, Diane, live in Brentwood, TN.

Elizabeth Jones Barton '84 B.S. and her husband, Kenneth, announce the birth of their daughter, Meredith Elizabeth, born July 2, 1999. They reside in Brevard, NC, with Kenneth's fourteen-year-old daughter, Kala.

Jami McNeely Chrisman '84 announces the birth of her son, Matthew Michael, born August 10, 1999. She also has a daughter, Victoria.

Jerome Creach '84 B.A. recently accepted a position as associate professor of Old Testament at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He and his family will be moving to Pittsburgh, PA in June.

Ray Hardee '84 B.A. has been named dean of undergraduate admissions and enrollment management for Gardner-Webb University. Ray had formerly served as director of admissions for the University since 1992.

Lisa G. Pettus '84 A.D.N. is currently living in Springfield, MO and pursuing her doctorate in clinical psychology. Her e-mail address is linsaloo@mindspring.com.

Dr. Jack W. Buchanan, Jr. '85 B.A. has been named director of admissions for the Gardner- Webb University M. Christopher White School of Divinity. He comes to GWU after serving as pastor of Chesterfield Baptist Church in Chesterfield, SC.

Carla Detter '85 B.S. GOAL graduated from Appalachian State University in December 1999 with a MLS degree. She is currently the media specialist at Catawba Springs Elementary School in Lincoln County. Her e-mail address is cdetter@lincoln.k12.nc.us.

J. Michael Hegarty '85 B.S. is the director of sales for Hearst Distribution Group. Mike and his wife, Lisa, live in Huntersville, NC with their two sons, Nick and Zack. Their e-mail address is mhegarty1@prodigy.net.

Sherri Roby Hupart '85 B.S. and her husband, Daniel, announce the birth of their son, Daniel D. Hupart, Jr., born September 25, 1999. They also have a two-year-old daughter, Rilee.

Melissa Lail-Trecker '85 B.S. recently finished a post-doctoral fellowship in the OB/GYN Department at the University of Connecticut Health Center. She and her husband, Jonathan, also announce the birth of their son, Michael James, born October 11, 1999. They now live in Hampden, MA. Melissa's e-mail address is doctrecker@aol.com.

Johnny Bruce Richards '85 B.A. and **Kathy Hagler Richards '87 B.S.** have moved to Potecasi, NC. Johnny is now serving as pastor of Potecasi Baptist Church, while Kathy homeschools their children: Heidi, 11; Nathan, 7; and Caitlin, 3.

William David Benton '86 B.A. recently began serving as pastor of Friends Baptist Church in Clemmons, NC. His e-mail address is wdbfriends@alltel.net.

Bill Lang '86 B.S., a prison chaplain for 10 years, is currently a supervisory chaplain for the Federal Bureau of Prisons. He and his wife, Claudia, have been married for 12 years and have four children. His e-mail address is blang@gateway.net.

Janet Page Taylor '86 B.S. and her husband, Steve, announce the birth of their son, Robert Hamilton, born November 19, 1999. Janet is the manager of donor services at Wake Forest University and her e-mail address is taylorjp@wfu.edu.

Kaylynn Watts-Poland '86 B.S. received her M.S.W. from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in December 1991. She then worked as a clinical social worker for seven years before deciding to stay home with her children. Kaylynn and her husband, Doug, have two children, Hope and Zachary. Her e-mail address is dmpoland@gnt.net.

Lynn Wentz Burnett '87 GOAL and her husband, Donnie, announce the birth of their son, Jeremiah Cole, born in July. They also have two daughters, Samantha and Tara.

Tom Heilig '87 B.S. accepted a position as regional manager with Accent Packaging, covering North Carolina, South Carolina, east Tennessee and western Virginia. Tom lives in High Point, NC, and his e-mail address is htrickyt@aol.com.

Rusty Morrison '87 B.A. is the pastor of Fork Baptist Church in Mocksville, NC. His e-mail address is REV-CRM@prodigy.net.

Mike Wilkie '87 B.S. was recently named manager of web design and development for Lowe's Companies, Inc. located in North Wilkesboro, NC. A nine-year veteran of the company, Mike currently leads both creative and technical development efforts for Lowe's web sites. He resides in Pfafftown, NC.

Randall C. Hall '88 B.S. has been promoted to executive vice president of The Bank of Asheville.

Sandra Bracken Miller '88 B.S. recently began a new position as accountant at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine's treasury department. Her e-mail address is sanmille@wfubmc.edu.

Kim Saine Setzer '88 B.S. and her husband, Jimmy, announce the birth of their son, Nolan Ty, born July 27, 1999. Their other two children are Michaela and Tanner.

Pamella June Sharts '88 B.A. was married to Jack Brinkley Isaacs on September 25, 1999, at Elizabeth Baptist Church in Shelby. She is the marketing director for Urban Retail Properties of Chicago at Cleveland Mall and the groom is an engineer and partner with McCall Brothers Inc. of Charlotte. The couple resides in Shelby.

Samuel Todd Capps '89 B.A. and **Kimberly Marie Wilson Capps '91 B.A.** have moved to Nashville, Tennessee. Todd is serving as a children's ministry consultant with LifeWay Christian Resources, and Kim is the stay-at-home mother of Paige Marie. Their e-mail address is ttcapps@lifeway.com.

Sarah White Mayberry '89 B.S. recently earned the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certificate. She is a fourth grade teacher at Ellendale Elementary School in Alexander County, NC.

Judy Gilbert McGuire '89 B.S. has been hired as the Long View, NC town planner.

Gina Lynn McWhirter '89 B.S. was married to Allston Stackhouse Reeves on November 20, 1999, at First Baptist Church in Shelby, NC. She is an office manager at the Cleveland County Family YMCA, and the groom is a teacher at Shelby High School. The couple resides in Shelby.

The 90s

Mark Burcham '90 B.S., '92 M.A. has achieved certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. He is a science teacher at East Wilkes High School.

Lori Bell Guthrie '90 B.S. is the publications editor for the National Beta Club, where she has been employed for five years. She and her husband, David, form the musical group, "Kerusso" and have recently recorded a CD. Their singing tour includes contemporary Latin/jazz music. Lori's e-mail address is kerusso2@bellsouth.net.

R. Shawn Lewis '90 B.A. was the project coordinator of the National Make-A-Difference Day "Drew & You" toy drive for the young victims of Hurricane Floyd, and his efforts will be featured in an upcoming edition of USA Weekend magazine. In addition, Shawn is the managing editor of Ohio Valley Publishing Co., where he oversees the editorial operations of three daily newspapers. He and his wife, **Dawn Jestes Lewis '92 B.S.**, live in Gallipolis, Ohio and have two children, Breeanna, 4, and Zachary, 1. Shawn's e-mail address is gobraves@zoomnet.net.

Eric Patterson '90 B.S. and **Rebecca Brown Patterson '92 A.A.** announce the birth of their son, Ethan Samuel, born on October 17, 1999, the couple's seventh wedding anniversary. Eric is employed with Home Depot and Rebecca is employed as a registered nurse at an ob-gyn clinic. They reside in Indian Trail, NC.

Joe T. Robbins '90 B.S. recently accepted a position as plant manager with Mead Corporation. He and his wife **Rhonda Patton Robbins '90 B.A.** reside in Lancaster, Ohio with their two children, Elizabeth,8, and Matthew, 4. Joe's e-mail address is bulldogs@buckeyenet.internet.

Anne Marie Lawing Bame '91 B.A. announces the birth of her daughter, Madeline Marie, born September 28, 1999.

Stacy Lynn Honeycutt Champagne '91 B.S. now has two children, Mallory, 3, and Nicholas, 1.

Martha Baker Corregan '91 B.S. and **Bruce Hunter Corregan '90 B.A.** announce the birth of their son, Braeden Hunter, born January 28, 2000. This is the couple's first child. Martha's e-mail address is mbc813@aol.com.

Terry Cranfill '91 B.S. and **Teresa Goforth Cranfill '91 B.S.** announce the birth of their second son, Micah Taylor, born June 5, 1999. They also have a four-year-old son, Noah Tanner. Terry is a material planner for The Texwipe Company and his e-mail address is tcranfill@texwipe.com. Teresa is employed as a teacher for the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System.

Darren Lee Davis '91 B.S. was married to Kimberly Dean Matthews on November 20, 1999, at North Brook Baptist Church in Cherryville, NC. He is employed by Payne Printing and Direct Mail Services in Gastonia, and the bride is employed by the Lincoln County School System. They live in Cherryville.

Joe Hough '91 B.A. and **Karen Martin Hough '90 B.A., '94 M.A.** announce the birth of their son, Andrew Houston, born September 6, 1999. They also have a four-year-old son, Daniel Scott. Joe and Karen both are employed as teachers in the Henderson County School System. In addition to teaching, Joe was recently promoted to captain and works as a staff officer with the 105th Army Engineer Group in Winston-Salem. His e-mail address is joesnoop_98@yahoo.com.

Mark Edward Smith '91 B.S. and his wife, Shelley, announce the birth of their daughter, Katherine Jennings, born September 25, 1999. They also have a two-year-old son, Greyson.

Laura Michelle Lambeth VanOtteren '91 B.A. and her husband, Ed, announce the birth of their daughter, Josephine Marie, born April 10, 2000. Laura's e-mail address is levost@planttel.net.

Maria Conner Queen '92 B.S., '98 M.B.A. and her husband, Kevin, announce the birth of their first child, Connor Wayne, born on February 23, 2000. Maria's e-mail address is mq@hci.net.

Shannon Behre Sale '92 B.S. was married to Martin Claude Hampton on October 2, 1999, at First United Methodist Church in Lenoir, NC. She is employed by VF Corporation in Greensboro and is pursuing her master's degree at Gardner-Webb, while the groom is employed by Fletcher Smith and Associates of Mocksville. They live in Greensboro.

Judy Nichols Simpson '92 M.A. was recently recognized by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards for achieving certification in the field of early adolescence social studies/history. She has taught at J. Sam Gentry Middle School since *1976 and serves as lead teacher for the Predators' Team and is co-chair of the* School Improvement Team.

Rodney A. Bradford '93 B.A. is the pastor of student ministries at Friendship Baptist Church in Franklin, IN, and he is pursuing his Master of Divinity degree at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. Rodney and his wife, **Kathy Pasour Bradford '92 B.A.**, have a two- year-old daughter, Emma. Rodney's e-mail address is Rod4God@yahoo.com.

Toni Brown '93 B.S. is a physical education teacher at J.L. Simpson Middle School in Leesburg, VA. Her e-mail address is t35brown@yahoo.com.

Julieann Kafer Dix '93 B.A. and her husband, Toby, announce the birth of their son, Tanner Seth, born December 14, 1999. They also have a two-year-old daughter, Madison.

Debbie Kennedy Furr '93 B.S. GOAL graduated from Appalachian State University in December 1999 with a M.A. in student development. She is an instructor at Wilkes Community College.

R. Helton, Jr. '93 B.A., '97 M.Div. has been ordained to gospel ministry at Cedar Falls Baptist Church in Fayetteville, NC, where he is minister of music and education.

Ricky Johnson '93 B.S. GOAL recently began his second year of study for the M.Div. degree at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. His e-mail address is sangok@yadtel.net.

Jacqueline D. Lyon '93 B.S. recently joined Xpedior, Inc., an e-business consulting firm, as the director of accounting and finance operations for the company's mid-Atlantic region. Her e-mail address is jacolyon@yahoo.com.

Regina Elois McCann '93 B.S. was married to James Michael Reams on October 2, 1999, at Calvary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. She is employed by HACH Associates and the groom is employed by the *Old Hickory Council Boy Scouts of America.* They reside in Winston-Salem.

Martin L. White '93 B.A. and **Heather N. Robertson-White '96 B.S.** announce the birth of their daughter, Caroline Grace, born January 15, 2000.

Cynthia Dawn Anderson '94 B.S. was married to Benny Keith Johnson on September 18, 1999. They both are employed with the North Carolina Department of Correction and reside in Dudley.

Tracey Lynn Hackett Anderson '94 B.S. and her husband, Greg, announce the birth of their first child, Ashley Elizabeth, born December 12, 1999. Tracey and Greg are missionaries in Ayacucho, Peru, and their e-mail address is greganderson@iname.com.

Trish Holfelder '94 B.S. was recently promoted to director of restaurants and special events catering for Aramark Corporation in the Meadowlands Sports Complex, East Rutherford, NJ. Her e-mail address is THolfeld@aol.com or Holfelder-Trish@aramark.com.

Brandt May '94 B.S. now is employed as a sales engineer with Siecor Corporation in Hickory, NC.

Neil Ramsey '94 B.A. and his wife, Kristi, announce the birth of their son, Dakota Lee, born November 23, 1999.

Matthew S. Rice '94 B.S. GOAL recently earned his master's degree in religious education from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and was ordained in the ministry. He serves as minister of evangelism at Apex Baptist Church in Apex, NC.

Kristina Lynn Smith '94 B.S. was married to Andres Hernandez on September 11, 1999, at New Hope Baptist Church in Star, NC. She is a supervisor with the Montgomery County Department of Social Services and the groom is employed as a *correctional officer with the Department of* Corrections. The couple resides in Troy, NC.

Amy Downs Bridges '95 B.S. and her husband, Charles, announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Kathleen, born January 28, 2000. This is the couple's first child. Amy's e-mail address is amybridges@yahoo.com.

Ken Mooney '95 M.B.A. was recently promoted to manager of the Precision Drives Business Unit at Parker Hannifin, Zenith Division, in Sanford, NC. His e-mail address is kmooney@parker.com.

'68 Alumnus Finds His Niche In TV Production

Bruce Bowers '68 has been named one of the Top 100 Producers in the U.S. by AV Video Multimedia Magazine, a leading magazine in the television and multimedia industry. A former Charlotte TV news reporter, Bowers launched Bowers Media Group, Inc. in 1989. His company primarily produces programming for business and medical clients.

Regarding Bowers, AV Video Multimedia Magazine wrote:

Lately, Bruce Bowers' firm has specialized in medical programming such as patient education tapes. This has been a refreshing detour for Bowers, who for years produced more standard corporate fare. "When you're producing industrial videos, you shoot big dirty machinery," he says. "The medical work is more people-centric."

Throughout his career - from selling dictionaries door-to-door in college to working as a TV newsman and now as an entrepreneur - he has found that persistence and clear communication of key messages are what set him apart. "In a small firm, you're very hands-on.

But a big part of my job is pounding the pavement and unashamedly knocking on prospects' doors," he says. "When I was a reporter, I was zealous in making sure my audience understood what I was trying to say. I still have that passion." Bowers said his time at Gardner-Webb influenced his career choice and helped him complete his B.A. degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"A one-act play that I wrote in high school was produced in the old theater in the Hamrick Building. That led to me becoming the editor of the student newspaper, The Pilot. ... I found that the stage work I did at Gardner-Webb seemed to flow nicely into the television work I did in Chapel Hill and beyond."

Bowers Media Group, Inc. is located in Charlotte, where Bruce lives with his wife of 26 years, Jenny. They have three children, Rob, 22; Bridgett, 19; and Jeff, 12.

Todd A. Wimberly '95 B.S. recently earned his teaching certificate from Lenoir-Rhyne College and is teaching special education classes at Mill Creek Middle School, in the Catawba County school system.

Lisa Traenkner Boggs '96 B.S. has been promoted to manager of business health services for Gaston Health Care.

Jennifer Audrey Chiera '96 B.S.N. was married to Daniel Ryan Fleming on December 12, 1999, at Liberty Baptist Church in Thomasville, NC. She is pursing a master's degree at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and is employed at Forsyth Medical Center as a registered nurse in intensive care. The groom is employed at Hydro Analytical Laboratories as an environmental chemist. They reside in Winston-Salem, NC.

Jim Davidson '96 B.S., '99 M.Div. is the minister of youth and recreation at Mt. Harmony Baptist Church in Matthews, NC. His e-mail address is jrhighman@hotmail.com.

Heidi Melissa Gardner '96 B.A. and **David Craig Steeves '94 B.S.** were married on December 4, 1999, at Shelby Presbyterian Church. She is an assistant director of admissions for Gardner- Webb University, and he is a math teacher and the men's and women's soccer coach at Shelby High School. They live in Shelby.

***David Joyner '96 B.S. GOAL** is employed* as a social worker in the Adult Services Unit of the Davidson County Department of Social Services. His duties include adult protective services, guardianship and enhanced care services. David's e-mail address is gdavidj@mindspring.com.

Leslie Godfrey Mace '96 B.A. and her husband, Bradley, announce the birth of their daughter, Madison Elaine, born September 2, 1999.

Michelle Walters Norman '96 B.A. is now employed as a museum rental coordinator with the Friends of the North Carolina Museum of Natural Science in Raleigh, NC. Michelle and her husband, **Matt Norman '98 B.A.**, live in Cary, NC. Their e-mail address is michelleandmatt@yahoo.com.

Veronica Tracy-Jackson '96 M.A. is a school-based mental health clinician with Newberry Mental Health/Newberry Middle School. Her e-mail address is vero422414@aol.com.

Denise R. Adams '97 B.A. is now working at Kyungpook National University in Taegu, South Korea, as a visiting professor of English. She teaches freshman conversational English classes.

Amy Joanna Armstrong '97 B.S. recently completed two years of missionary work in Peru. She now is the campus ministry intern at GWU and is a part-time student in the School of Divinity. Her e-mail address is aarmstrong@gardner-webb.edu.

Holly Leigh Denton '97 B.S. and **John Samuel Wall '97 B.S.** were married December 4, 1999, at Oak Grove Baptist Church in Kings Mountain, NC. She is an electronics coordinator at First National Bank in Shelby, and he is the men's varsity soccer coach and women's junior varsity basketball coach at Crest High School. They live in Shelby. Holly's e-mail address is Dentonh@fnb.cc.

Mandy Elizabeth Smith Hice '97 B.S. GOAL and her husband, Steve, who were married in 1998, announce the birth of their daughter, Zabrina Elizabeth, born in July of 1999. Mandy's e- mail address is smithmandy@hotmail.com.

Philip Byron Keefe '97 B.A. is an assistant football coach at Charleston Southern University. His e-mail address is pkeefe@csuniv.edu.

Joy McKibben '97 B.S. was married to Dean Burrow on March 10, 2000. She is a market risk management analyst with First Union Capital Markets, and the groom is the director of business and support operations with Carolina Youth Commission. The couple resides in Cornelius, NC.

Bernard Ragins '97 B.S. recently appeared in the Roxy Regional Theatre's (Clarkesville, TN) production of "Of Mice and Men." He will next tour with Theatre IV, a Richmond, VA-based theatre, performing the show, "I Have a Dream." Bernard's e-mail address is bern_baby@hotmail.com.

***Leslie Louise Starr '97 B.S.** was married to Scott Edward Williams on October 30,* 1999. She is a teacher at West Davidson High School and the groom is a claims administrator at Mannington Wood Floors in High Point. They live in Trinity, NC.

Michael Eugene Whitesides '97 B.S. was married to Deena Allison McDonald on September 25, 1999. He is employed by Applied Industrial Technologies Inc. and the bride is employed by Presbyterian Hospital. They live in Dallas, NC.

Crystal Carson '98 B.A. has graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a master's degree in public relations.

DeAnn Chilton '98 B.S. GOAL was married to Jeffrey Dean Poindexter on October 9, 1999. She is employed by the United States Postal Inspection Service as a postal inspector, and the groom is a mold maker with Transnav. The couple lives in Warren, MI. DeAnn's e-mail address is bigfish@bignet.net.

Santiago Espinosa '98 B.S. was married to Kristin Elizabeth Bumbaugh on September 25, 1999, at First Baptist Church in Shelby. He is the assistant director of Crossroads Youth Ministries and director of after-school care at Jefferson Elementary. The bride is employed with the Shelby City Schools after-school care. The couple resides in Shelby.

Gretchen Sue Fritz '98 was married to Brandon Garrett Zoch on November 6, 1999, at the Charles I. Dover Chapel on the Gardner-Webb campus. She is a fourth grade teacher at Union Elementary School and attends Gardner-Webb, where she is working on a master's degree. The groom also attends Gardner-Webb, where he is the director of sound support. They live in Shelby.

Carlton Hurt '98 B.A. recently won a first place North Carolina Press Association award for sports news reporting. He has been a sportswriter at the Dispatch in Lexington, NC since February 1998.

Tiffany Suzanne Keating '98 B.S. was married to Russell Edward Hall on April 3, 1999, at Rocky Pass Free Will Baptist Church in Marion, NC. She is a third grade teacher with McDowell County Schools and the groom is a technical aide at Parson Telecom. They reside in Marion.

Ralph Marsden Kitley II '98 M.A. was *married to Loretta Kay Frank Rowland on December 28, 1999, at St. Teresa Church in* Westphalia, Kansas. They are employed as assistant principals at Northwest Guilford High School and reside in Summerfield, NC.

Tim W. Ledford '98 B.S. GOAL was promoted to the rank of police lieutenant on February 1, 2000. He now serves as the patrol division commander for the King Police Department in King, NC. His e-mail address is ledfordtim@netscape.net.

Karen Brower Rhodes '98 B.A. recently began working as communications manager at Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic. Her e-mail address is KayranR@cs.com.

Joel W. Thompson '98 B.A. is the pastor at Payneville Baptist Church in Payneville, KY and is a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. His e-mail address is czarcol@bbtel.com.

April Erin Adair '99 B.A. was married to Brian Joseph Alverson on November 6, 1999, at First Baptist Church of Huntersville. The couple lives in Columbus, NC.

Haley Elizabeth Bridges '99 B.S. was married to Johnny Brent Babb on December 18, 1999, at First Wesleyan Church in Kings Mountain, NC. They reside in Boiling Springs, SC.

Brooke Cody '99 is a sales representative for Westmoreland Printers in Shelby, NC. She can be contacted at: jul_c_@hotmail.com.

Autumn Paige Nelson '99 M.A. married Todd Garrett Kanistras on July 10, 1999, at Castle MuCulloch in Jamestown, NC. Autumn is a first grade teacher at Sterling Park Elementary School in Casselberry, FL and the groom is a project manager for General Caulking Co. Inc. They reside in Winter Park, FL.

Jennifer Lynn Phillips '99 B.S. GOAL and her husband, Stephen, announce the birth of their daughter, Brooke Allynn, born November 15, 1999. This is the couple's first child.

Laurelyn Meredith Vry '99 B.A. is currently living in Yorktown, VA. She is a Spanish teacher at Bethel High School in Hampton, VA. Her e-mail address is laurelynl@yahoo.com.

50-Year Reunion A Resounding Success

In April the Class of 1950 met to celebrate 50 years of friendship. A two-day schedule of events made the gathering a very special occasion. A reunion banquet provided the perfect setting for old friends to hear from a former professor, Dr. Robert Dyer, and to learn of the class' scholarship fund, which is nearing its goal. Dyer, a beloved instructor, gave a moving testimony of personal trials and triumphs, including his experience as a missionary and prisoner of war in Japan. The scholarship fund has amassed $20,000 of a $25,000 goal. The Half-Century Club also enjoyed a luncheon that included the opportunity to meet and talk with current GWU students. Reunion committee members, who helped attract more than 75 alumni to the events, include Bob Patterson, Joe Roberts, Jonas Bridges, Don Cabaniss, Betty Joyce Jones Calton, Ramona Cornwell Hoyle, Tony Izzi Jr., Joyce Digh Jolley, Robert Long, Jo Long, George McSwain, Margie Nanney Metcalf, John "Red" Painter, Geraldine Turnmire Pearson, and Shirley Huskey Roberts.

Deaths

Paul Barbee '52 died November 17, 1999, at Newnan Hospital in Newnan, GA.

Robert Lee Brooks '41 passed away November 17, 1999, at Rex Hospital.

Leila Blanton Callahan '36 died February 9, 2000, at her home in Union, SC.

David Allen Crowe '92 B.S. died February 4, 2000, at his home in Shelby, NC.

Rev. Glenn Felmet '45 passed away March 26, 2000, at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center.

Samuel Scott Hamrick passed away January 24, 2000, at the Hospice Unit of Martha Jefferson Hospital.

John Hendrick died February 14, 2000, at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

James Roy "Jim" Skinner passed away January 29, 2000, at Greenville Memorial Medical Center.

C. Austin "Whitey" Smith died February 1, 2000, at Centerclair Nursing Home.

Gaye Beam Strutt '68 died October 6, 1999, at Wendover Hospice in Shelby.

J. L. Suttle Jr., longtime Gardner-Webb trustee and supporter, passed away February 15, 2000.

Rev. James Ned Taylor, a former trustee of Gardner-Webb University, passed away December 6, 1999, in the Spartanburg Hospital for Restorative Care.

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